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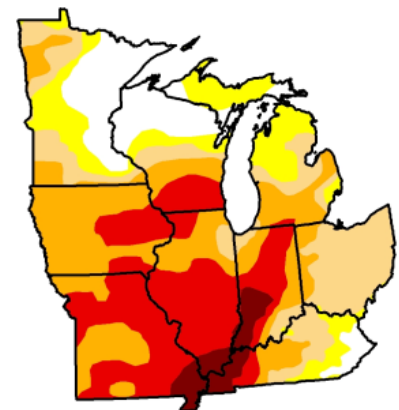
Drought persists, Gov. Branstad issues proclamation to assist livestock producers

On July 17, Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds held a public meeting on the severe dry and drought conditions that have plagued Iowa this summer.

The meeting featured officials from the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD), Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The discussion included the latest information and tracking metrics, how coordination is being handled between the state and federal levels, and potential action steps that may be taken.

"As the hot and dry weather continues in the state, Lt. Gov. Reynolds and I
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Intensity



July 24, 2012, U.S. Drought Monitor (Midwest) – Released July 26 by Richard Heim, National Climatic Data Center, NOAA

On the Calendar...

September

Labor Day (3)*
National Preparedness Month/
Family Preparedness Month (Iowa)

October

Fire Prevention Week (7-13)
America's Safe Schools Week (21-27)

November

Winter Weather Awareness Day (8)
Veteran's Day (11)
Veteran's Day observed (12)*

**State holiday.
HSEMD offices will be closed.*

2013 LEPC/TERC conference dates set

Save the date for the 2013 Region VII LEPC/TERC Emergency Planning and Response Conference.

Mark your calendars for July 25–27, 2013, to attend the Region VII Local Emergency Response Committee/ Tribal Emergency Response Committee (LEPC/TERC) Emergency Planning and Response Conference.

Region VII is the EPA and FEMA region that includes Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. This conference occurs every two years and brings together community leaders, emergency managers and first responders from the Midwest with experts in hazardous materials, emergency planning and training. Your participation
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Des Moines County CERT program recognized

The Des Moines County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) received a 2012 Governor's Volunteer Award during a special recognition ceremony held June 29 in Cedar Rapids. The team was honored with a Five-Year Length of Service Volunteer Award.



Individual, Group, Length of Service or Disaster Volunteer.

The CERT program in Des Moines County has been in existence since April 2006. Team members provided more than 300 hours of volunteer service to the community in 2011. The team members provide assistance such as traffic and crowd control, emergency and non-emergency communications, security, and preparedness education at a variety of events.

In addition to Des Moines County Emergency Management Coordinator Gina Hardin, CERT members who attended the award session included Scott Gillis, Jared Sommerfelt, Colleen Roland, Andrew Wells and Chris de la Rosa.

Hardin said, "These individuals dedicate time on a monthly basis to receive training above and beyond their initial instruction so they are ready to assist in any type of disaster that may affect Des Moines County. They also give a tremendous amount of time to helping out local entities that need additional volunteers to assist with their local events."

This is the first time the Des Moines County CERT program has been nominated for a Governor's Volunteer Award. Several hundred volunteers are recognized each year with awards in one of several categories:

"I am very pleased to honor those who have given the precious gift of their time to make a difference and enrich lives in communities all across Iowa," said Governor Terry Branstad. "I never tire of meeting volunteers and hearing about the wonderful accomplishments they contribute to making this state great."

"An unknown author wrote 'Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless'," said Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds.

The Governor's Volunteer Award program is coordinated by the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service and the Governor's Office. For more information, visit <http://volunteerioda.org/awards> or call **515.725.3094**. For more information on the Des Moines County CERT program, contact **Gina Hardin** at **319.753.8206**. Ω

[Contributed by Gina Hardin]

2013 LEPC/TERC conference dates set

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is the foundation of building partnerships.

The 2013 conference location is close to Interstate 435 with easy access to many of Kansas City's favorite attractions:

Overland Park Marriott
10800 Metcalf Ave.
Overland Park, KS 66210

The conference planning committee is working on the agenda and lining up speakers. As with past events, there will be exhibitors, an exercise, the LEPC awards luncheon, breakout sessions for beginning LEPCs, and a separate breakout session to talk to the Iowa Emergency Response Commission.

The Iowa Emergency Response Commission has set aside financial assistance for active LEPC members to attend the conference. More information on the conference agenda and financial assistance is to come.

The conference website is www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc/. Ω

Recovery Bureau moves to new location

Effective Aug. 1, 2012, HSEMD's Recovery Bureau will leave its current home in West Des Moines and move to a new building.

The bureau's new address will be:

**7900 Hickman Rd, Suite 500
Windsor Heights, Iowa 50324 Ω**

Drought

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want to ensure that the state of Iowa is doing all it can to provide assistance to those who are impacted by the drought conditions," said Gov. Branstad in a letter posted on his website.

This week, conditions had not improved and on July 26, the governor issued a disaster emergency proclamation that will provide relief to Iowa farmers hit hard by the drought being experienced in the state.

The proclamation took effect at noon July 26 and will be in effect for 60 days thereafter. The assistance comes in the form of a suspension of state laws and regulations affecting the transport of hay, straw and stover. The drought has destroyed or depleted sources of these products that are necessary for livestock production and feed.

For additional details about the proclamation, call **1.800.925.6469** or visit the Iowa DOT's website at www.iowadot.gov, where a question-and-answer sheet can be found.

Officials from HSEMD continue to work closely with local, state and federal partners to provide assistance should it become necessary.

Gov. Branstad's website now has a section devoted to issues surrounding the 2012 drought. Visit the site at www.governor.iowa.gov/drought. Ω

Missouri River Authority discusses hydrology, levee improvements at July 24 meeting

The State Interagency Missouri River Authority (SIMRA) met July 24 in Des Moines to discuss a possible hydrology work group, levee improvements, and other issues.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Tim Hall, recently chosen to coordinate hydrology efforts in Iowa, discussed his efforts to assemble an interagency work group of hydrology experts. Hall thinks the group will eventually provide a clearinghouse for water information including everything from stream levels to precipitation records to water use data.

Also on the agenda were updates from the floodplain management program, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a committee working on Missouri River recovery.

HSEMD's Tom Oswald is the chair of the interagency levee work group. The group is concerned with recovery from the 2011 Mis-

souri River flood, with their efforts concentrated on the levee system along the river. Oswald says construction on the north side of Highway 2 in Fremont County (near Levee 575, which was breached in June 2011, causing massive flooding in the area) is progressing, but there are continuing acquisition issues on the south side of the highway, though he believes those issues will be resolved yet this construction season.

The new levee is being constructed along a two-mile stretch north of Highway 2 and one mile south of the highway. The levee has been moved farther away from the river to broaden the floodway of the river. This will reduce the level of flood risk along the stretch, and will be less expensive than completely repairing the existing levee. In order to achieve the desired flood risk reduction, the elevation of the new levee will be higher than the roadbed of Highway 2 where they will intersect.

Local, state and federal agencies are working together to resolve the issue so Highway 2 can remain open and people and property can be best protected during flood conditions.

The Missouri River Authority is an interagency, interstate group that makes recommendations on policies affecting the Missouri River. Ω



(Sept. 2011) Damage to Highway 2 in Fremont County at the I-29 underpass. Photo by Stefanie Bond, Iowa HSEMD.

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HSEMD Mission

Lead, coordinate, and support homeland security and emergency management functions in order to establish sustainable communities and ensure economic opportunities for Iowa and its citizens.

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Training opportunities

Donations Management Workshop (G288)

When: Aug. 8, 1-4:30 p.m.
Aug. 9, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Where: Manchester Fire Dept.
400 E. Main St.
Manchester

The goal of this workshop is to learn the key requirements for managing masses of unsolicited donated goods and large numbers of unaffiliated or spontaneous volunteers.

For more information or to register for this course, visit www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov and choose "HSEMD Course Registration" under the "Quick Links" tab.



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For the Mt. Pleasant course, contact **Andrew James** at ajames@story-county.com or **515.382.7229**.

Medical Preparedness & Response to Bombing Incidents (MGT 348)

When: Aug. 21-22 and 23-24
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Where: Mercy College of Health Sciences
928 6th Ave.
Des Moines

Two offerings! Participants completing this course will gain an enhanced understanding and awareness of issues and considerations relating to a bombing incident. Content areas include identification of targets, explosives characteristics, pre-attack indicators, pre- and post-detonation response, bombing injuries, security, and resource management.

For more information on this course, contact **David Filipp** at dfilipp@mercydesmoines.org or **515.643.7498**. Ω

Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS 300)

Mount Pleasant

When: Aug. 13-14
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Where: Henry County EMA
900 W. Washington St.

New Hampton

When: Aug. 28-29
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Where: 260 E. Prospect St.

Two offerings! This course is targeted toward those disciplines that would respond to an incident. Prerequisites: ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800.

For more information or to register for the New Hampton course, visit www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov and